

June 26, 2008

Todd Thomas
23011 280th Street
P.O. Box 102
Callaway, Minnesota 56521

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed Agreement for Corrective Action approved by the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) on June 18, 2008.

The Board's Stipulation and Order states in part:

1. You agreed to voluntarily surrendered your EMT-B certificate;

We wish you success in maintaining your sobriety.

If you have further questions, please contact Rose Olson (651.201.2804) at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Debra K. Teske
Interim Executive Director

Cc: Karen Andrews, Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure: Stipulation and Order

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

In the Matter of
Todd Thomas, EMT-B
Certificate No. 524632

STIPULATION AND ORDER

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2008, Todd Thomas, EMT-B (“Respondent”), contacted the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Board (“Board”) and requested the opportunity to voluntarily surrender his EMT-B certification without meeting with the Board’s Complaint Review Panel (“Panel”); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve this matter without the necessity and expense of a contested case hearing by entering into this Stipulation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Respondent and the Board as follows:

A. During all times material herein, Respondent has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds an EMT-B certificate in Minnesota.

B. In the event the Board in its discretion does not approve this Stipulation, it shall be deemed withdrawn and of no evidentiary value and shall not be introduced or relied on by either party; except that Respondent agrees that, should the Board reject this Stipulation and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

C. Respondent expressly waives formal hearing on all facts and legal conclusions referenced herein and any and all procedures before the Board relative to said facts and conclusions to which he might otherwise be entitled by law.

D. Respondent does not contest the facts and conclusions hereinafter following and grants that the Board may, for purposes of its proceedings relating to this Stipulation, consider the following as true:

1. On December 10, 2007, Licensee self-reported to the Health Professional Services Program ("HPSP"). Licensee acknowledged a substance abuse problem, stating his drug of choice was alcohol. Licensee's chemical dependency treatment history includes outpatient treatment in the 1970s, inpatient treatment in the 1980s, and inpatient treatment on two different occasions in the 1990s. Licensee stated his date of sobriety was December 9, 2007 and that his longest period of sobriety was "about a year or two."

2. On February 5, 2008, HPSP discharged Licensee for non-cooperation after he failed to submit his signed Participation Agreement.

3. On February 8, 2008, Licensee contacted the Board by telephone. Licensee was informed that a conference with the Review Panel could be scheduled for March 20, 2008 to discuss his discharge from HPSP. Licensee advised that he had been admitted into a 28-day inpatient chemical dependency treatment program and stated he wished to voluntarily surrender his EMT-B certificate without meeting with the Review Panel.

E. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that upon this Stipulation the Board may adopt and implement the following order:

1. Respondent shall voluntarily surrender his EMT-B certificate in the State of Minnesota. Respondent shall personally deliver or mail the certificate to the Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Board, c/o Mary Hedges, Executive Director, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 310, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, within ten days of the date of this Order.

2. Upon Respondent's surrender of his certificate, the Board agrees to close its files in this matter.

3. Should Respondent seek recertification in Minnesota, Respondent shall meet with the Complaint Review Panel to resolve the allegations against him.

4. This Stipulation and Order shall be deemed to be a public document.

F. IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that this Stipulation shall not in any way limit or affect the authority of the Board to initiate contested case proceedings against Respondent on the basis of any act, conduct or omission of Respondent occurring before or after the date of this Stipulation that is not related to the facts, circumstances or requirements referenced herein.

G. Respondent was advised of his right to legal counsel prior to executing this Stipulation. The Stipulation was read in its entirety by Respondent prior to its execution; he understands all of its provisions; and he affirms that it was entered into freely and voluntarily by him.

H. Respondent hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, the State of Minnesota and their agents, employees and representatives that may otherwise be available to Respondent relative to the action taken or authorized against Respondent's EMT-B certificate under this Stipulation.

I. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, varying this Stipulation.

Dated: 3-17-08

Todd A. Thomas
TODD THOMAS, Respondent

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Stipulation and all of the files, records and proceedings herein,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the terms of this Stipulation are adopted and implemented by
the Board this 20th day of June, 2008.

MINNESOTA EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

By: Debra K. Teske
DEBRA K. TESKE
Interim Executive Director

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